

**Transportation IWG Meeting Summary**  
**Monday, July 14, 2008, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**Amsterdam Room, Sea-Tac International Airport**

**In Attendance**Co-Leads:

Dennis McLerran  
Katy Taylor  
Lon Wyrick

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
Washington Department of Transportation  
Thurston Regional Planning Council

Workgroup Members:

Genesee Adkins	Transportation Choices Coalition
*Brian Bowe	PACCAR/Kenworth Trucks
*Chris Carlson	Washington State Insurance Commission
Barbara Culp	Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center
Bonnie Geers	Weyerhaeuser/Quadrant Homes
Lynne Griffith	Pierce Transit/Washington State Transit System
Jemae Hoffman	Seattle Department of Transportation
Bryan Imai	Washington State Auto Dealers Association
Dan Keefer	PACCAR/Kenworth Trucks
Kim Lyons	Washington State University Energy Program
Bonnie Mager	Spokane County Commissioner
Michael McGinn	Sierra Club
*Louise McGrody	Bicycle Alliance of Washington
Carol Moser	Washington State Transportation Commission
Dave Overstreet	American Automobile Association
Ashley Probart	Association of Washington Cities
Carla Pryne	Earth Ministry
Bob Saunders	Washington Department of Ecology
*Keri Shepard	Tribal Transportation Planning Organization
Harold Taniguchi	King County
Liz Warman	Boeing and Commute Reduction Program
<i>*Alternate for Preston Feight, PACCAR/Kenworth Trucks</i>	
<i>*Alternate for Mike Kreidler, Washington State Insurance Commissioner</i>	
<i>*Alternate for Gordon Black, Bicycle Alliance of Washington</i>	
<i>*Alternate for Kurt Vinnish Tribal Transportation Planning Organization</i>	

Absent:

Bill Clarke	Washington State Association of Realtors
KC Golden	Climate Solutions
Wayne Grotheer	Port of Seattle
Bill Kidd	British Petroleum
Glenn Miles	Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Larry Pursley	Freight/Trucking Industry

Technical Staff and Support:

Hedia Adelman	Washington Department of Ecology
Jeff Ang Olson	Center for Climate Strategies
Morgan Ahouse	Sierra Club
Louise Bray	Piece Transit
Dick Burkhardt	Sierra Club
Keith Cotton	Washington State Department of Transportation
Anne Criss	Washington State Department of Transportation
Mary Fleckenstein	Washington House of Representatives
Karin Landsberg	Washington State Department of Transportation
Brian Lagerberg	Washington State Department of Transportation
Seth Stark	Washington State Department of Transportation
David P. Beal	Sound Transit
Ann McNeal	Sound Transit
Melanie Smith	Sound Transit
Shelfali Ranganathan,	Transportation Choices Coalition
Andy Mortensen	Transportation Group
Leslie Stanton	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Sandi Swarthout	Zip Car
Peter Thein	Washington State Transit Association
Rob Willis	Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.
Roma Call	Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.

## Background Documents

(Available online at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/2008CAT\\_iwg\\_tran.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/2008CAT_iwg_tran.htm))

- Agenda
- Planning and Use of the Growth Management Act to Reduce VMT
- T-1 Sub Strategy Detailed Spreadsheet
- Background Material on VMT Measurement

## Discussion Items and Key Issues

### 1. Review and Discussion of Transit and Trip Reduction Strategies

- 1.1. The group reviewed and discussed the chart hand-out, titled, "T-1 Transit, Ridesharing, and Local VMT, Reduction Goals and Standards," which was prepared for the group by Anne Criss, Lynne Griffith and technical staff. The purpose of the discussion was to identify a potential package of strategies to put forward to the Climate Action Team (CAT) that will enable the state to meet its goals for reduction in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.
- 1.2. Based on the information provided, the group identified the following strategies as the most promising for recommending to the Climate Action Team at this point in the process:
  - 1.2.1. Vanpool/Vanshare Options
  - 1.2.2. Motor Bus
  - 1.2.3. Rail Solutions (Light Rail, Commuter Rail, Passenger Rail)
  - 1.2.4. Residential trip reduction
  - 1.2.5. Commute trip reduction in dense urban centers (GTEC/CTR)
  - 1.2.6. Park and ride (and Park and Pool)
  - 1.2.7. VMT reduction innovation grants
  - 1.2.8. Bicycle and walking alternatives

- 1.3. Some members suggested that to reach the goals, the potential package of options should include a variety of short, medium and long range strategies in balance with statewide needs. It was suggested that funding and collateral benefits, such as air quality and congestion relief, be included as well. The package may include all of some options and elements of other options.
- 1.4. Members of the group requested that the subgroup continue to refine the analysis of the options provided. The subgroup will continue to check the accuracy of the operating and capital costs associated with the options identified, add the hours of service for the streetcar options, provide more information on rail solutions, look at other cities as models for specific data, and make clarifications on other details in the spreadsheet. In addition, the subgroup will organize the information according to short, medium and long term implementation, considering scalability, and reductions in both vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions. The subgroup will provide an expanded version of the spreadsheet hand-out to the group at a future meeting.
- 1.5. Some members suggested that biking and walking options be added to the T-4 discussions on compact and transit-oriented development.

### **Next Steps and Agreements:**

- At the August 7 Transportation IWG meeting, the group will discuss T-3 pricing options and T-4 compact and transit-oriented development. The additional implementation information suggested during the discussion of T-1 options will also be needed for the T-3 discussion.
- The Co-leads will provide the group with a definition of short, medium and long term implementation.
- The group agreed to schedule longer time periods for future meetings, in order to cover the issues in sufficient detail within the timeframe allotted. Rob Willis will send the group an expanded schedule of meetings.
- A subgroup was formed for work on T-3 pricing options, including Michael Lazarus, Bob Saunders, Lynne Griffith and Pierce Transit staff, Harold Taniguchi and King County staff, Dennis McLerran, Katy Taylor, and WSDOT staff. The subgroup will report to the full group at the August 7 meeting.
- A subgroup on T-4 Compact Transit-Oriented Development was formed, including Dennis McLerran, Ashley Probart, Michael Lazarus, Gordon Black, Barbara Culp, Lynne Griffith, Carol Moser, WSDOT and King County staff. The subgroup will report to the full group at the August 7 meeting.

### **Public Comments**

Marcus Santiago, Governor's Policy Office made the following comment: With the current gas pricing, it time to do something bold that offers reliability and freedom. It is important to understand the drivers that keep people from alternative transportation, and to look at the mechanisms and funding around traffic patterns and key congestion areas. It is important to standardize everything from cost thru 2020 to the exact number for reduction in vehicle miles traveled through 2020.

Dick Burkhart, Citizens Transit Campaign made the following comment: The current peak of world oil prices will go down in a few years, while gas prices will still go up. It is important to think less about incentives and more about demand. We should make it easy to use alternative transit. We need to move to a transportation system that is 100% electrical, where fossil fuels will be gone. Most of the energy will come from electricity, with trolleys and plug in hybrids. 75% of mileage is not for commute trips. The Residential Trip Reduction program talked about that. You should convert the Commute Trip program to a Trip Reduction program, working not just with employers put with others in society, such as schools, shopping centers, and community centers. We need to think more innovatively about long-

term strategies. A vehicle carbon tax would provide a local option for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We need innovative thinking in terms of taxation.

**Next Meeting**

The next Transportation IWG meeting will be a teleconference on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.